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3rd Software Underground

# Annual General Meeting

15.00 UTC, 26 April 2023

Chair: Matt Hall

Quorum: 11

<https://swu.ng/agm-2023>

# Agenda

- Annual review.
- Financial review.
- 2023 activities.
- Elections.
- Any other business.

# Potted history

- Started on Google Groups in July 2014:  
<https://groups.google.com/g/softwareunderground>
- Moved to Slack in August 2015.
- Held TRANSFORM 2019 in France, leading to many discussions and decisions about governance — and aspirations!  
<https://agilescientific.com/blog/2019/5/18/transform-happened>
- Incorporated as a non-profit on 29 April 2020, at the age of 6¾:  
<https://softwareunderground.org/blog/2020/6/6/something-new-has-surfaced>
- Held TRANSFORM conferences in 2020, 2021 and 2022, and the first AGM in 2021.

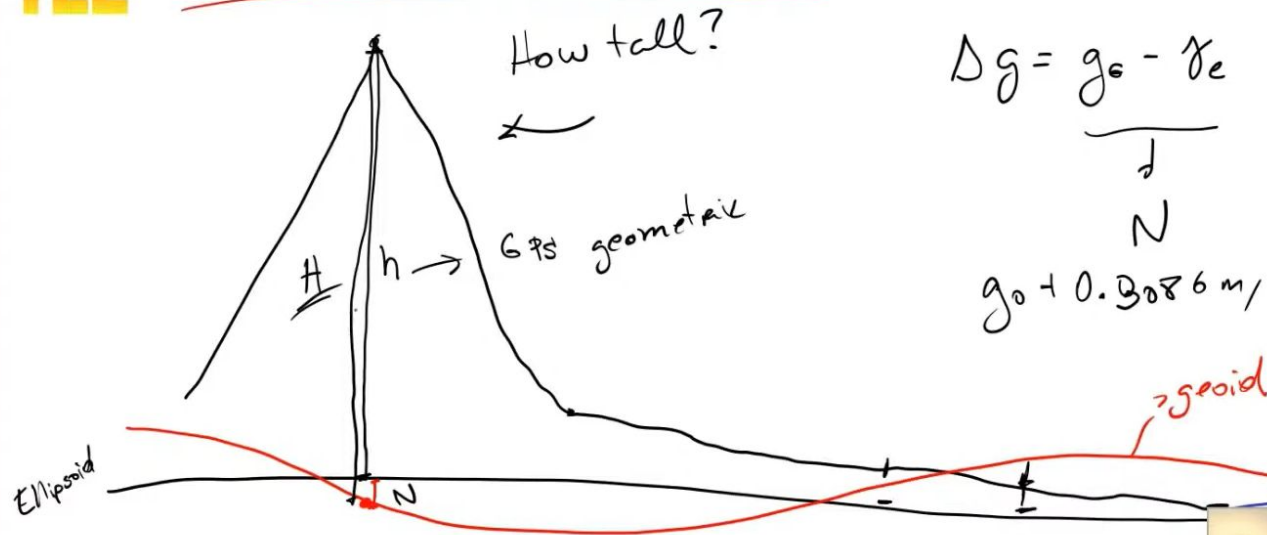
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- Platform
- Sponsorable
- Good conduct

# Annual review

- It was a quiet year!
- TRANSFORM 2022, tutorial-fest: [TRANSFORM 2022](#)
- 2nd AGM and annual report: <https://swu.ng/agm-2022>

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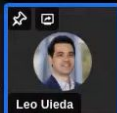


TRANSFORM 2022: 13 tutorials, 8 lightning talks, ~100 participants

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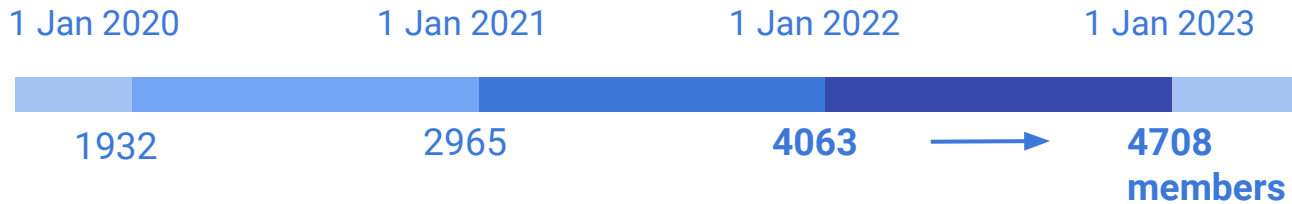
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# Slack

in 2022



**304 weekly active members, of whom...**

340 in  
2021

**79 post**

98 in  
2021

**40,854 messages posted by members in 2022**

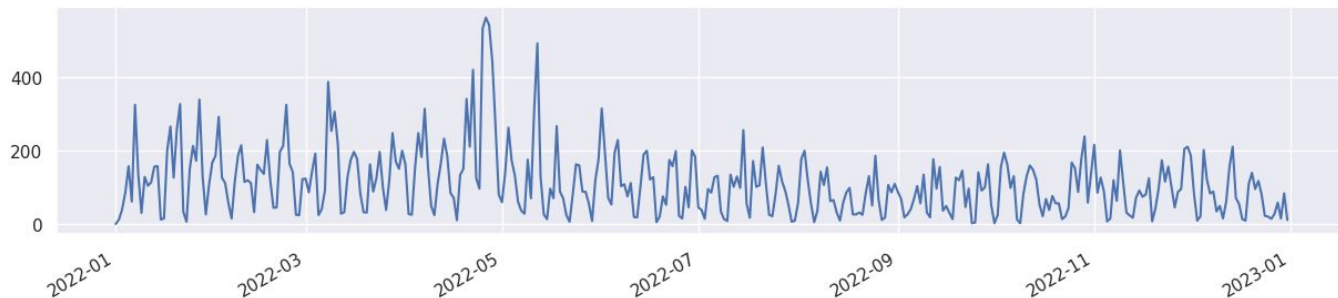
78,803  
in 2021

**72% private**

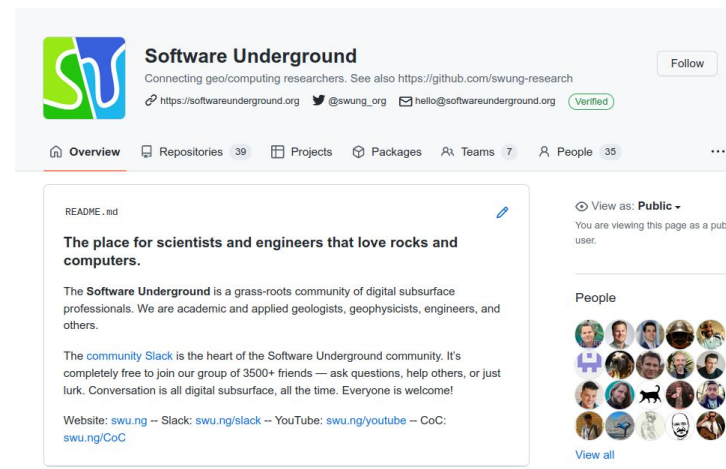
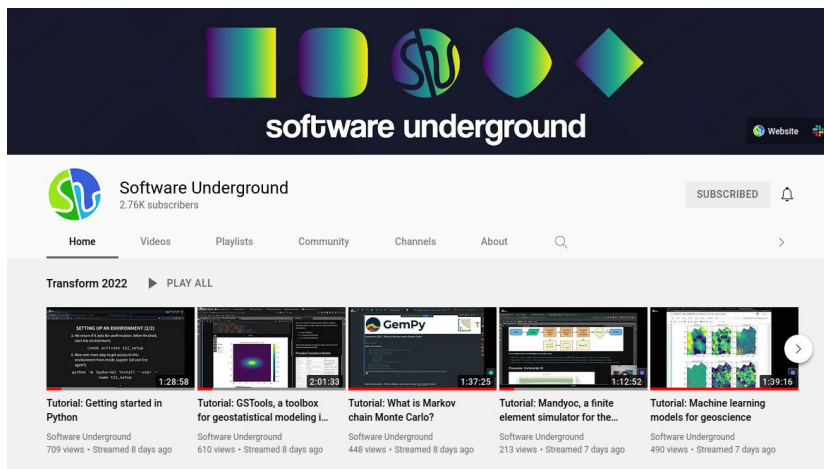
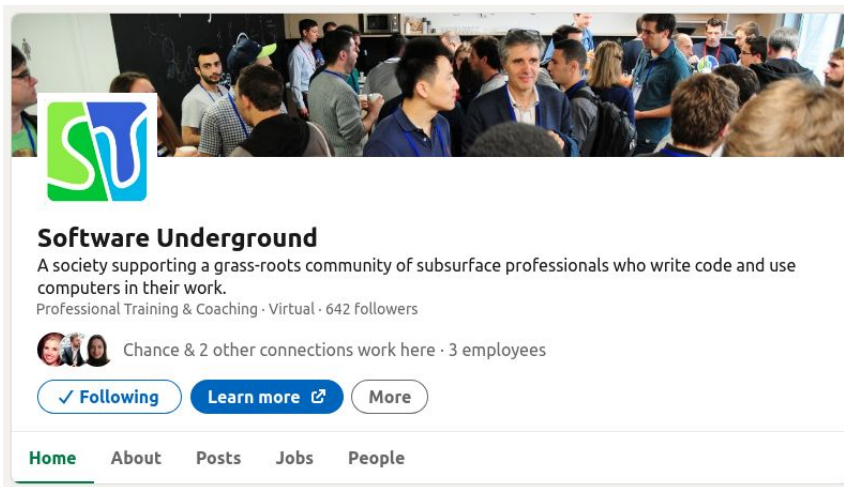
68%  
in 2021

**28% public**

32%  
in 2021

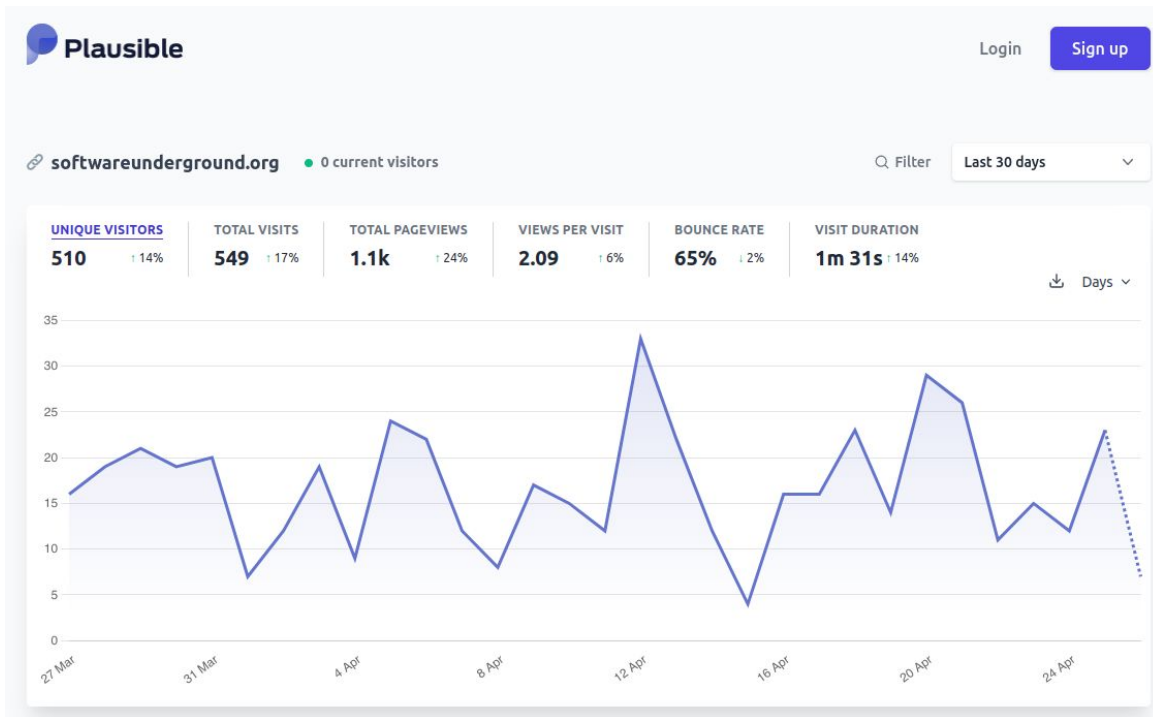


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# plausible.io

Talk to **Matt** or **Leo**  
to enable Plausible  
analytics for your  
website.





# Financial review

- Financial reports: <https://github.com/softwareunderground/swung-org>
- **100% member-supported in 2022, no corporate sponsors.**
- Our greatest expense continues to be Slack, which cost CAD 2236.45 in 2022 (about CAD 186 per month), down from CAD 4175 in 2021.
- Forecast is to go up to about CAD 2928 this August when our annual payment is due.
- We received donations from 24 subscribers, plus several one-time donors. Annual income is currently around CAD 5000.
- Year end: **CAD 20,560.21 cash** (CAD 24,695 in 2021), plus CAD 2000 GIC, minus CAD 406.25 liability (CAD 491.46 in 2021).
- Retained bookkeeper: Katie Condon, myrgan.com, Mahone Bay, NS, Canada.
- Retained accountant: Belliveau Veinotte Inc, Bridgewater, NS, Canada.

FY2022 preliminary numbers from accounting software. Not audited.

# Financial statements

## INCOME

ACCOUNTS	Jan 01, 2022 to Dec 31, 2022	Jan 01, 2021 to Dec 31, 2021	Change		
Income	CAD	CAD	CAD		
<a href="#">Direct Public Support – Business Contributions</a>	\$1,455.87	\$0.00	\$1,455.87	0.00%	
<a href="#">Direct Public Support – Corporate Contributions</a>	\$0.00	\$12,868.36	-\$12,868.36	-100.00%	
<a href="#">Direct Public Support – Individual Contributions</a>	\$3,555.67	\$11,480.61 Includes Shop	-\$7,924.94	-69.03%	
<a href="#">Investments – Interest</a>	\$12.00	\$3.00	\$9.00	300.00%	
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$5,023.54</b>	<b>\$24,351.97</b>	<b>-\$19,328.43</b>	<b>-79.37%</b>	

Cost of goods: \$0  
GROSS PROFIT

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# EXPENSES

ACCOUNTS	Jan 01, 2021 to Dec 31, 2021	Jan 01, 2020 to Dec 31, 2020	Change		
<b>Accounting Fees</b> 	\$525.00	\$500.00	\$25.00	5.00%	
<b>Bank Service Charges</b> 	\$61.43	\$769.96	-\$708.53	-92.02%	
<b>Business Software</b>  Slack + SqSp + Stripe + Printful	\$8,316.51	\$7,335.36	\$981.15	13.38%	
<b>Contract Services</b> 	\$0.00	\$2,423.94	-\$2,423.94	-100.00%	
<b>Merchant Account Fees</b> 	\$0.00	\$13.64	-\$13.64	-100.00%	
<b>Misc. Event Prize Expense</b> 	\$515.40	\$1,763.28	-\$1,247.88	-70.77%	
<b>Repairs &amp; Maintenance</b> 	-\$344.99	\$0.00	-\$344.99	0.00%	
<b>Loss on Foreign Exchange</b> 	\$0.00	\$282.36	-\$282.36	-100.00%	
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>\$9,073.35</b>	<b>\$13,088.54</b>	<b>-\$4,015.19</b>	<b>-30.68%</b>	
	<b>CAD</b>	<b>CAD</b>	<b>CAD</b>		
<b>Net Profit</b> As a percentage of Total Income	<b>-\$4,049.81</b> -80.62%	<b>\$11,263.43</b> 46.25%	<b>-\$15,313.24</b>	<b>-135.96%</b>	

# 2023 activities

Frequent discussion in #swung-org and  
documentation in swung-org repo



- **Slack** is the main thing, as always.
- **Meetups** happening occasionally: thank you to Thomas, Dieter, Justin and anyone else helping make local events happen.
- **#swung-journal** has some new life, please get involved if you are interested in helping invent a new take on scientific publishing.
- **Computational Field Camp** is still on the cards.
- **TRANSFORM 23** is on hold, but could happen after the summer.
- **And what new things?**

# 2023 challenges

- We have been in a period of stasis since about May 2021. COVID-19 and the 'end' of Digitalize Everything mean that we have to re-evaluate Swung's purpose and role.
- Do people still travel to conferences and other events?
- If so, how will we get live events back into our calendar?
- Do people actually need or want virtual events?
- What does the next phase of 'digital subsurface' look like? For example:
  - Which industries need our skills and tools?
  - What skills and tools do we need to develop?
- **How are we going to work and grow together to become the most impactful scientists and engineers in our fields?**

# Exception to By-Laws

<https://softwareunderground.org/by-law-1>

**There were no proposed changes to the By-Laws.**

**Directors may only serve for 3 years.** Luisa and Leiaka serve until July, the rest of the board expires today. We need at least 5 board members at all times, so I propose extending Dieter's tenure and Matt's tenure by up to 12 months to allow us to get some elections done.

**Vote:** Make an up to 12-month exception to the By-Laws to allow Matt and Dieter to remain on the Board until we have had new elections.

# Board election

**Profiles:** <https://softwareunderground.org/board>

Thank you: Jo Walsh, Brendon Hall, Chance Sanger.

## Terms

- up to 12 month exception (already voted on): Matt Hall, Dieter Werthmuller
- 3 months: Luisa Zuluaga, Leiaka Welcome
- 2 years: Rowan Cockett, Leo Uieda

**Vote:** Approve the current board.

# Election result



# Any other business

None.